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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the amendment below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-9 as follows:

3. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the support material is a filament nonwoven material, whereby the nonwoven material is bonded by means of a thermal bonding.

4. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the basis weight of the support material amounts to between 12 and 200 g/cm², preferably between 50 and 90 g/cm².

5. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the coating weight of the coating material lies between 10 and 150 g/cm², preferably between 20 and 40 g/cm².

6. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the support material and/or the coating material are colored.

7. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the support material and/or the coating material contain additives, particularly a UV stabilizer or a flame-protection agent.

8. (Amended) Protective hood according to claim 1, further characterized in that the coating material is free of plasticizers and solvents.

9. (Amended) Protective hood according to any one of the preceding claims, namely a protective hood for automobiles or automobile parts.

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled or added herein. Claims 3-9 have been amended herein. Therefore, claims 1-9 are under active consideration.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS 3-9

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